To,
His Highness
Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur · G.C.S.I.
Maharaja of Mysore
Camp Srinagar

May it Please Your Highness

I beg to inform Your Highness that for the last 50 years I did public duty according to my best lights. For my livelihood I depended upon what I got as Head master of the Marimallappa's High School and now from my earnings I paid Something for the journals I have been Conducting. Hitabodhini Uvanta Chintanam, Vivekavardhini Chintanam, the Mysore Herald the Arya vala Samaja magazine, the Sadhvi the Mysore Patriot, the Sampadabhyudaya, the Mysore Social review, the Dasa Samajika patrika, are some of the journals for which I spent the best portion of my life. In addition to these I published a number of moral and useful books.

Side by side with these activities I raised the Marimallappa's school to the Status of a High school. The Marimallappa's Charities Contribute Rs 75/- a month for the High School and I have been Spending from the School fees, Govt grant & more than Rs 1300/- a month. I wanted to raise it to the Collegiate Entrance Standard. In the meantime Mr C. R. Reddy has prevailed upon Mr Denham and some of the trustees to retire me. They have given me notice that I must retire from the 1st of next month. Having devoted for the last 50 years all my income to public activities I am now in a penniless Condition. I sold even my house and devoted the money realised for the promotion of Public Activities. When a man does in pursuit

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work in 70 years he is entitled to a pension in England. The Trustees of the Madras Christian College mean to give me an allowance of Rs 100/- a month. I have about a dozen souls depending upon me. My eldest son is not in good health and he & his family are dependent on me. My journalism created a number of enemies to me and my second son has not been able to get even what he deserves.

If Your Highness does not come to my aid, I shall have to close my Press, stop the publication of all journals and leave Madras in search of bread outside the Province at an age of 71 yrs.

If Your Highness thinks that I deserve Your Highness' help I would like the following favours from Your Highness:—

(1) A pension of Rs 100/- a month should be recommended to be settled upon me from the Madras Christian College and the amount should be made a charge on the Govt Grant. This is necessary because if the School is mismanaged the School fee income which is more than Rs 1000/- may materially fall and my pension may be stopped.

(2) I must be permitted to remain in the School as long as my health permits me to do Efficient work.

If Your Highness kindly intervene and induce the Trustees to show me this favour, I shall be much obliged to Your Highness and will ever continue to pray for Your Highness long life & prosperity and will have time to do justice to the different Civic, Social, Educational and other activities in which I have been working. Hoping that Your Highness will be graciously pleased to make the remainder of my life free from care & struggle for bread.

Dated 10.6.12

I beg to remain
With most respectful salaams & devotion
Your Highness' obedient & loyal servant
Sd M. Venkatarathnamayya

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